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## SPECIAL FLIGHT TO MARK AIR MAIL DAY

A special air mail service direct from Greenbelt will feature Air Mail day here tomorrow. Mail will leave the Schrom Airport, which adjoins Greenbelt, for Baltimore and points north at 9:45 A. M. Mr. F. W. Shrom has been commissioned to make the flight.

Mr. George W. Bryant, Greenbelt's Postmaster has provided air mail cachets and air mail envelopes for interested citizens and school children. Philatelists will be able to acquire air mail covers of special interest, by using the service which makes it possible to post a letter via air mail from Greenbelt to Greenbelt. This mail will go by way of Baltimore.

## FLAG AND SEAL CONTEST CLOSED MAY 14.

Councilmen brought to an end the contest for a town flag and seal, in accordance with rules, May 14. Final announcement of the winning designs will be made Monday night, May 23. Preliminary examination of all designs entered in the competition will be made by Councilmen, behind locked doors, Sunday morning.

## DISCUSSION GROUPS TO ENTERTAIN.

The Greenbelt Consumer Discussion groups have planned an evening of fun and entertainment for all the women of Greenbelt, Thursday, May 19th, at 8:30 P.M. in the auditorium at the school.

Here's an opportunity for "new comers" and "old settlers" to get together with friends and neighbors. Remember the hour. The program will begin with community singing promptly at 8:30 P.M.

## G. C. A. DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

Ye dance lovers of Greenbelt, hearken. Once again you may come and trip it on the light fantastic toe---or on your partner's, and if fortune smile on you, walk off with a door prize worth some three dollars for your fun and your pains.

As added attraction for the dance which the Greenbelt Citizen's Association is sponsoring for Saturday night, May 21, a door prize in the form of a basket of food will be given away to the holder of the winning ticket stub. Only those purchasing their tickets in advance however, will be eligible to participate in the grub grab.

Music for the dance will be furnished by Benson's Orchestra under the direction of Frank Bird. This orchestra has demonstrated it's ability here on previous occasions, and from all appearances it looks as though the affair is going to be a grand success.

Like all Citizen's Association dances Saturday's dance will be held in the School Auditorium. Tickets (25¢) are already on sale, advises Mr. Bozek, chairman of the citizens association's entertainment committee.

The Citizens Association Dances offer an excellent means for Greenbeltians to get together and get acquainted. It is hoped that next Saturday night's dance will prove a huge success in this direction.

## HEALTH ASSOCIATION MEETS

A special meeting of the Health Association has been called by the Board of Directors to consider a change in date for payment of dues. The meeting will be held Monday, May 23 in the School Social Room, at 8 P.M.



## TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

The Federal government's engineers are winding up their work in Greenbelt. The labor force is removing the temporary sheds and buildings which housed construction materials during the past three years. The construction workers are to leave Greenbelt forever by June 30. "Thereafter all construction handled here by the federal government will be through contracts for which bids will be received," Mr. Braden stated.

Provisions for a proposed traffic ordinance were discussed by the Council and submitted to Town Solicitor Marbury to be incorporated in traffic regulations.

The parking area at the business center is nearing completion and will be covered with an asphalt-gravel surface, the Town Manager said.

Greenbelt's "back road," long in need of repairs, was blocked off two days last week while workmen filled in the rough spots.

The Council recommended that garbage and trash collections continue under the town's direct control.

Police Officer George Panagoulis reported that a number of truck drivers in Greenbelt were warned to meet traffic regulations.

A motion was carried to the effect that the bond covering the Town Manager and Treasurer be in the custody of Town Clerk Mildred Stevans.

Appointment of Joseph William Rabbitt as chief accountant, and Frank Harris as his assistant was announced by Mr. Braden. These employees are on the staff of the federal government, but one will serve as a "dollar a year" Treasurer of Greenbelt. The positions are classified and approved by Civil Service. The two accountants were appointed May 16. More than 106 applications were received for these two positions.

Approximately 30 men are engaged in landscaping and playground work. These workers will continue on the Greenbelt payroll another two weeks, it is said. The Federal landscape project will continue.

The Council learned that 336 garden plots are being worked by Greenbelt

# RIP VAN WINKLE COMES TO LIFE (An Editorial)

An alert editorial writer reported in the Washington Star on May 16:

"The latest development (at Greenbelt) is the issuance of a 2000 word set of 'regulations and suggestions'..."

The editorial, entitled "Utopia, Ltd.", continued by describing in detail our renowned bulletin of March 26.

Now even the Cooperator would hesitate to report as last minute news a bulletin issued seven weeks earlier.

Inasmuch as the editorial, as its title indicates, follows established Washington-newspaper-practice in ridiculing Greenbelt, we would like to present a question to the Star:

Was the misinformation unintentional or intentional?

The former would imply carelessness in the preparation of editorial matter rather surprising in so well regarded a newspaper; the latter is even less defensible.

At any rate Greenbelt citizens are learning to take with a grain of salt all "news" in newspapers, when they see how warped are the reports of their community.

It seems useless to point out to Washington newspapers that the regulations in question, as well as others mentioned in the editorial, were the result of requests made by many of our citizens, ... that most of the regulations, and other regulations, are to be found in Washington apartments and in communities established by private enterprise.

To Washington newspapers the regulations are, and forever will be, irrefutable evidence of "regimentation".

W.R.V.

residents.

The Town Manager reports that a Public Health Nurse will begin work here by July 1. On June 10 a Prince Georges County Board of Health Clinic will begin its work in behalf of local residents.

Suggestions have reached the Council that a Fourth of July fireworks display by the lake be sponsored. An appropriation of \$100.00 for the purchase of fireworks was authorized.



# FOOD DEMONSTRATION AND BAKING CONTEST ANNOUNCED.

Mr. Sulo Laakso, manager of the Greenbelt Food Store is cooperating with the Food Store Committee of the COC in bringing to Greenbelt representatives of the Eastern Cooperative Wholesale Inc., who will participate in a get-acquainted party to be held in the social room of the School Wednesday night, May 25, at 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Castner, buyer and Mr. Waino Linna, field representative of the Eastern Cooperative Wholesale are expected to be on hand to tell the people of Greenbelt about the Co-op products which are sold in the food store. Mr. Castner, who knows these products from the farm to the consumer, will tell about the methods of packing, grading, labeling, and distributing the Co-op merchandise.

Large displays of Co-op merchandise will be placed in the social room for examination and some of the products will be shown as they appear after removal from the container. Some new products which have recently been placed on the market will be served to the guests as samples.

In connection with this demonstration the Greenbelt consumer study clubs are sponsoring two baking contests: one for applesauce cake, the other for molasses and raisin cookies. A one dollar grocery order will be the prize for each contest. Winners will be announced at the above "party", and will be entered in the Eastern Cooperative Wholesale Contest in New York on May 30. Detailed rules will be announced at the Discussion Group meeting Thursday night, and will be posted.

## FLINT GARRISON RESIGNS

Flint Garrison, Executive Vice-President of the Consumers' Distribution Corporation, has announced his resignation to return to private business.

Mr. Garrison will continue to serve as director and member of the Corporation's finance committee.

GREENBELT POPULATION NOW 604 DAMILIES!

# GREENBELT'S POLICE FORCE DOUBLED

With the appointment of Yale B. Huffman on Thursday, May 12, Greenbelt's police force doubled -- now totaling two officers. Town Manager Roy S. Braden reported that Mr. Huffman has received his badge of authority and will begin his work immediately.

Taking his oath of office in the presence of the Town Manager and the Assistant Community Manager, Huffman was sworn in by Mayor Bessemer at the Administration building here. Asked when he would be wearing his new uniform, Huffman said the new toggery should be here in ten days.

Huffman is taking advanced studies in municipal government, has served as vice-president of the Greenbelt Citizens' Association, and is the father of a husky six-month-old son, who is getting "the law laid down" to him now and then. Wait till Papa flashes that badge on the boy.

# LABORATORY TESTS SHOW WHY CO-OP EVAPORATED MILK MAKES INSTANT HIT

In a report made April 13 the Dairy Laboratories of New York made public results of tests made with Co-op brand evaporated milk and the most highly advertised (selling for about 1¢ more per can) premium evaporated milk sold in this part of the country. It is likewise the brand most frequently recommended by baby specialists.

The results are as follows:

	%Butterfat Content	%Solids
X Brand	7.95	25.8
Co-op	8.32	26.2

## COUNTY MILK MEETING

Milk dealers, producers, and consumers were represented in a joint county meeting last Wednesday, May 11, at the County Courthouse in Upper Marlboro. The two consumers representatives were Mrs. Gail Harper, of Greenbelt, and Mr. Snoddy, of Lanham Maryland.

A committee was appointed to study milk ordinances and make recommendations to the body about June 1.



## THE VOICE OF THE LAW

By George Panagoulis

(Greenbelt's First Police Officer)

The first of a series of articles by your Police Department.

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We are writing this series of articles that you may become better acquainted with your Police Department and with the police regulations governing this community. We wish to outline a few of the things that we, as your public servants, hope to do. It is our intention, also, to call attention in this column to violations of our town's regulations.

There are several ideas of police work that we hope will be fittingly corrected here. We believe that we are most fortunate officers of the law, in that we have a very select group of citizens to serve. Most veteran officers would gladly trade places with us. We should have no petty drunks to worry with, no deliberately disorderly citizens, and no incorrigible children. Free of all these established handicaps, we can devote a major part of our time to corrective measures.

Many people forget that the important work of an officer is to act as referee in disputes, to prevent law violations, and to be a real friend and guide to children.

One of the greatest heartaches an officer can have comes from the knowledge that parents use him as a bogeyman with whom to threaten their children with arrest and jail if they don't behave. Children should be taught to respect an officer, not to fear him. Many a respectable citizen is so today because some plain old "cop" became his true friend and after much effort saved him from serious trouble.

The Police Department requests that complaints be in writing and signed. Our memories are no longer than the average. Please don't feel that you will be put down as a busybody if you make suggestions or provide information. Your confidence will not be betrayed. We have a small force and cannot be everywhere at the same time. In order that we may completely serve you as guardians and referees in matters needing our attention, full cooperation is of vital importance.

Juvenile management will be taken up

## INTRODUCING OUR DENTIST

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Dr. J. W. McCarl, our dentist, comes to us with an extensive background of training and experience. He has studied languages and science at (Sorbonne) University of Paris, Paris, France; business at Woods University, Wash., D. C.; dentistry at Georgetown University and the University of Maryland; and post graduate courses in bacteriology, pathology, prothetic dentistry and radiodontia at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, Baltimore, Md.

Dr. McCarl has been practicing dentistry at Brooklyn, suburb of Baltimore, for 14 years. He has served as Dental Surgeon in attendance at the Maryland Training School for Boys, Consulting Surgeon at the South Baltimore General Hospital, and was appointed to the Staff of the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Emergency Hospital, Curtis Bay, Maryland.

The Dental Office has been opened at the Health Center, 30-A Ridge Road, telephone Greenbelt 2261, with the most modern equipment that could be obtained. Dr. McCarl has in attendance his wife, an experienced dental assistant.

Dr. McCarl is at present resident of Baltimore, but he expects soon to move to Greenbelt.

His first patient at Greenbelt was Mrs. Helen Cowell.

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with the parents first, and please don't assume the attitude that my Johnny and or Jane is right and the officer must be wrong, but sit down and reason the matter out sensibly. In a community where there are as many children as we have, we can expect some irregularities for we have real boys and girls, but we believe we can expect your full cooperation in holding such irregularities to a minimum. If Children are given good healthy play and something worth while to do, they won't have much time to think of disorderly things to do. We will appreciate any suggestions and are never too busy to talk over any problems that you may have.

So look on us as willing servants, eager to help. And above all, please remember that in order to accomplish the best results, it "requires the united effort of every bloomin' soul".

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## GREENBELT HEALTH ASSOCIATION

By Arthur Plackett

For the benefit of the newcomers and to refresh the memories of the earlier Greenbeltians, it may be well at this time to retrace the steps that have been taken in forming our Health Association.

About six months ago Greenbeltians requested of Dr. Roberts, of the Co-operative Medical Association of America, a plan whereby we could get medical treatment for all at Greenbelt at a fixed monthly sum. Our idea was that we could get a maximum of medical treatment at a minimum cost by dividing and budgeting the cost among us.

Doctor Roberts, with the aid of Doctors Williams and Mott, outlined a plan that assured us of a very comprehensive medical "setup", which included three doctors, three nurses, maternity ward, X-ray machine, physiotherapy treatment, 2 or 3 desks, in fact it had almost everything that could be desired.

The cost of this Medical Service - they estimated - would be a ten dollar enrollment fee and three dollar monthly dues per family for a minimum of 600 families.

This seemed to be an excellent setup. In fact it included more medical care than most of us had been accustomed to. The only drawback was that we couldn't afford it.

However, we were still in need of a doctor and the majority of those interested thought the co-operative plan best, so we decided to see what we could do at a five dollar enrollment fee and two dollar monthly dues per family. 150 people signed to the effect that they would support such a plan.

Fourteen doctors were interviewed, their medical qualifications investigated, and Dr. James S. Dryden was finally chosen as our first doctor. Dr. Dryden moved here on April 1, 1938.

Of the 150 who were to support the plan, only 50 paid any enrollment fee at the time it was called for. The first payment of the dues were made on April 1st, and 75 members paid and were in good standing. Since that time, and up to May 4th more have joined and the membership is now 120.

We have a Doctor - a good one. Our immediate goal now is to get a full time

graduate nurse and another doctor to assist our present one, and to specialize in the line we need most -- perhaps pediatrics -- the members will decide that.

Then we can have preventative medicine for children and adults through routine physical examinations.

Then we can have our Maternity Ward at the Health Center.

Then we can take care of tonsilectomies, etc.

When will this time arrive?

200 members will enable us to have a paid graduate nurse.

400 members or over will enable us to get the other doctor and the things mentioned above.

We ask all Greenbeltians to enroll -- to get behind the Health Association -- and you and your family will get more than money's worth.

Preventative medicine should cut sickness and epidemics down to a minimum.

SICKNESS cannot be entirely eliminated nor its severity gauged but you can lighten the worry by enrolling in the Health Association and be free from Doctor bills, and be assured of adequate care.

Following is a list of Health Association representatives: Get in touch with one - ask them about the association and enroll now. Anyone who has not been a resident of Greenbelt for over 30 days can get service immediately - others must wait 30 days after making application for membership.

Mr. Louis Bessmer	45-J Ridge Rd.
Mrs. George Bauer	1-H Gardenway
Mrs. Harold Beck	21-C Ridge Rd.
Mrs. Herbert Barbarie	22-F Parkway Rd.
Mrs. Sulo Laakso	39-A Ridge Rd.
Mrs. Leon Malkin	15-C Ridge Rd.
Mr. Allen Morrison	58-H Crescent Rd.
Mr. Joseph Leary	1-D Northway Rd.
Mrs. C. M. Pitman	62-E Crescent Rd.
Mrs. Her. Weatherby	2-F Parkway Rd.,
Mrs. Comely Ritchie	56-E Crescent Rd.

OR CALL AT THE HEALTH CENTER.

## MALE QUARTET PLANNED

All men interested in male quartet work in Greenbelt should contact Byron Roshon at 19-B Parkway Rd.



## CORN PLANTING SONG

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Can you finish the third line?  
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Dorothy Custer would be delighted if someone should recall to her mind the third line of the following jingle. It has been "on the tip of her tongue" since corn planting season began, and she is having an aggravating time trying to remember it.

Her older brother taught it to her as they planted corn in their California ranch, but as their part of the country was largely settled by Missourians it may have originated in Missouri.

Anyway, as they dropped the one, two, three, four kernals of corn in each hill, they would sing,

One for the cutworm,  
One for the crow,  
One for the \_\_\_\_ (?),  
And one for to grow.

## FEATURE STORIES WANTED

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The Feature Editor of the Cooperator is particularly interested in receiving material on the following subjects:

1. Trees, flowers, and animals native to Greenbelt.
2. Hobbies of Greenbelt citizens.
3. Outings available about Greenbelt.
4. Unusual experiences.
5. Vacation ideas.
6. Poetry, essays, stories.

All contributions, on all subjects, will be carefully considered. We do not promise to print everything submitted, but we do promise to print every meritorious contribution we possibly can, as soon as we can.

Material we cannot use will be returned with comment, if called for, or if accompanied by postage.

The Cooperator offers an excellent chance for those who have writing ambitions to try out their work.

## DID YOU KNOW?

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In Maryland the commissioners of each county are also the Board of Health of that county.

Maryland County Health Officers are appointed under a merit system by the State Health Director.

## AN EXPLANATION

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The professional services of Dr. James S. Dryden, who is the Greenbelt Health Association's doctor, are available for non-members of the Association as well as for members. The Health Association has absolutely nothing to do with the doctor's relations with his non-member patients, according to a statement by a director of the Association.

In his dealings with non-members, Dr. Dryden acts solely in his own behalf, as any private doctor does. His fees are his own and are not in any way controlled, suggested, or interfered with by the Association. However, Dr. Dryden pays to the Association a certain proportion of the income from non-member patients for the use of the office and equipment.

Having heard complaint by a non-member that the charges for calls at the Health Center were more than at other clinics, the director referred to above very emphatically stated that the Health Center is not a clinic.

He said it was a regular doctor's office and a non-member patient must necessarily expect to be charged a regular doctor's fees there, just as he would if he called on any other private doctor in another locality.

## ED THORNHILL PRAISED FOR FORESIGHT

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While speaking before the Journalistic Club on the consumer cooperative movement and the contract which binds the Farm Security Administration and Consumer Distribution Corporation in the Greenbelt set-up, Peter J. Carroll of the Co-op committee here pointed out that it is primarily due to the foresight and prompt interest of none other than Ed Thornhill that the Consumer Distribution Corporation learned of the "splendid opportunity" which existed for the setting up consumer Co-ops here.

It was Ed Thornhill, an employee of the F.S.A., who wrote to the C.D.C. board of directors, after he had learned that C.D.C. was seeking to make use of a million dollars for constructive cooperative education. It was also Ed Thornhill, Mr. Carroll said, who made the preliminary investigation for F.S.A.



## AMERICAN LEGION ACTIVITIES

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We are again "plugging" for the Legion Junior baseball team. These boys need support. If anyone in Greenbelt has some idea or suggestion as to how we can procure suits and equipment, either by finances or thru some advertising sponsor, please contact Comrade Leo Mullen or any local Legionaire.

We give you herewith some of the graduates of Legion Junior baseball:-- AMERICAN LEAGUE -- (Boston) Doerr and Bagby, Jr.; (Philadelphia) Barna; (St. Louis) Mazzera; (Chicago) Tresh, Glick; (Washington) Lewis and Hogsett; (Cleveland) Feller and McCormick; NATIONAL LEAGUE -- (Chicago) Cavarretta, Galan, Mattick and Higbe; (Pittsburgh) Handley and Tobin; (St. Louis) Owen; (Boston) DiMaggio and Walsh; (Philadelphia) Arnovich; (Brooklyn) Lavagetto.

The American Legion reaches into every kind of American home. It has posts in every city, town and village. Its influence is felt in every countryside. It can influence American thought and it feels that it should influence thought on the subject of clean athletics as one fundamental of true Americanism. We are interested in the future of America.

TWENTY YEARS AGO on May 18th-- "In Picardy and Lorraine hostile raids were repulsed with loss to the enemy in killed and wounded. In the Woevre there was continued aerial activity, our planes engaging successfully in second encounters." British bombing planes raid Cologne, killing fourteen persons and inflicting heavy damage. 28th and 78th Division headquarters arrive in France. President Wilson in New York addresses opening Red Cross drive for \$100,000,000 calls for an Army without limit and says America will stand by Russia to keep her an independent nation. 200 killed by TNT explosion in plant of Aetna Chemical Co. at Oakdale, 16 miles west of Pittsburgh. Heavy artillery fire by Germans along entire Western Front believed prelude to new offensive. Ludendorff has 140 Divisions, nearly two million men, ready to strike, Paris asserts...Five hundred Sinn Feiners arrested in London in alleged plot to aid Germans...Japan and China conclude defensive alliance against Ger-

## DELIVERY TRUCK CATCHES FIRE

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A transfer truck was badly damaged by fire at the intersection of Ridge Road and Southway, Thursday, May 12, when a blaze which started in a bundle of brooms rapidly spread to other goods. The truck was hauling goods to the new variety department of the Greenbelt Pharmacy.

It is believed that a lighted cigarette tossed into the wind by a passing motorist was the cause of the fire.

The driver's heart was in his mouth for a while when it looked as though a five-gallon can of asphalt cement which was on the truck would burst into flames at any moment. However, that catastrophe was averted and the total danger was confined to the loss of a few cases of merchandise.

The goods damaged had not yet become the property of the Greenbelt stores.

## DANCE ORCHESTRA BAND PROJECTED

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Taking the first steps towards the formation of a Greenbelt dance orchestra, W. Price Hartley urges all interested musicians to contact him at 19-C Ridge Road.

The proposed orchestra will be composed entirely of Greenbeltians. It is hoped that from this orchestra may spring the nucleus of a town band. Mr. Hartley emphasized that all musicians are invited from the little experienced amateur to the professional. A drummer and a bass player are especially desired.

Mr. Hartley has had considerable experience with the trombone in high school, college and service bands, as well as dance orchestras.

## KEEP GREENBELT BEAUTIFUL \*\* SPARE THE WILD FLOWERS.

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many for duration of war. German Chancellor Hertling foresees war's ending in 1918 thru "events in the west".

That was twenty years ago today. Now all Legionnaires, let's get out to post meetings and turn our attention to the events of today.

Our next regular meeting is Thursday May 19th at 8:00 P.M. Will be see'in you. Greenbelt Post No. 136 Adjutant.



# Editorial

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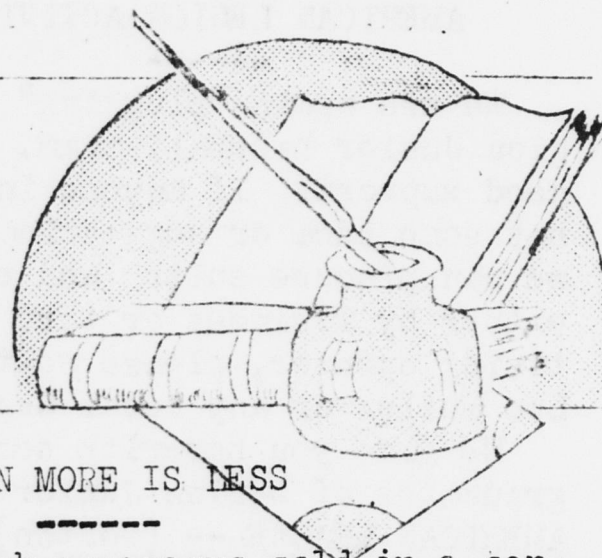
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## WHEN MORE IS LESS

Last week, asparagus sold in a certain Washington store for 2¢ less per bunch than in our store. So I saved several cents by buying the asparagus in our store.

You doubt the arithmetic? Well, here is the story:

To be sure, there is today two cents less in my pocket than there would otherwise have been. But that two cents is not two cents lost --- for sooner or later it is going to bounce right back into my pocket, and very likely carry another penny or two along with it.

A year or so from today, I am convinced, we, the citizens of Greenbelt, will take over Greenbelt's stores as cooperating enterprises. With these stores we will take over whatever profit or loss the stores have accumulated -- unless the profit has already been returned to us in patronage dividends.

What I spend now in these stores, whether or not it is in excess of what I might pay elsewhere, is broadcast upon the waters not to disappear forever from sight, but to return to me.

If I go to another store, the cash register will swallow my payments, and swallow them "for keeps;" if I go to my cooperative store, I may at times deposit a little more into the register, but I know that sooner or later the excess, and more besides, will be disgorged -- and will be mine again.

I know that my purchases now will speed the day of that disgorgement.... will swell the size of that disgorgement. I know that my purchases now, at perhaps a temporary loss, will mean an ultimate saving; and I know that by helping our stores I am helping myself and I am helping my neighbor.

So ---- I'll see you at the Coop!  
W.R.V.



## OPEN LETTER TO GREENBELT PHOTOGRAPHERS

Dear Photo Phan;

The Greenbelt Camera club calls upon all Greenbeltians who own cameras from a Brownie to a Leica, to submit their best pictures for competition in the club's contest.

In order to encourage the flow of picture contributions we have changed the title of the contest to the more inclusive one of "Life in Greenbelt" this qualifying as entries all pictures snapped in our community. Also the professional members of our club have volunteered their services as judges in the competition, and have definitely promised the winning photographs publication in a Washington paper.

We hope that these inducements and the natural desire of all picture takers such as proud fathers who ceaselessly "shoot" their offspring, will bring a rush of members into the Camera's Club. At our last meeting we elected E. R. Cross as president, and W. Roberts as secretary.

At our next meeting, to be held Tuesday, May 24, at 8 P.M. above the drug store, we will discuss "Common Errors in Photography". Bring your latest pictures, and let us all rip them apart; and let us have a big turnout of all photographers, so that we may induce the office to consider equipping a dark room, -- but that's another story and one for Tuesday's meeting.

All photographs go into P. O. box 186 in an envelope with a one-cent stamp. That is for your protection.

For further information please consult E. R. Cross, 13-Q Ridge Road.

Yours Truly,

George Fair, 3-F Parkway Road.

To the Editor:

Never before have I ever taken up the sport of letter writing, to answer charges indirectly aimed at me, but there always comes a first time to everyone.

I have always been able to read an editorial and realize that is only the expression of the writer's opinion and as such subject to all the prejudices, errors and mistaken ideas of any other human being.

The fact that one person brings before the readers only one side of a story is to be regretted and is subject to correction.

When reviewing the last Citizens Association meeting and election, for everyone's information, why not present the true facts.

There were two nominees for the office of President and four for the office of Treasurer. One nominee for President declined at the last minute, as you say, leaving one candidate. Two nominees for treasurer declined, thus leaving two candidates. There still remained, however, three other offices which were not mentioned, namely vice-president, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary, and to which offices not a member, of the so called minority, was nominated. However, the democratic (?) group seemed to have their minds made up to reopen nominations (against all parliamentary procedure) for only those offices, namely President and Treasurer, to which members of the minority group had been nominated.

I still believe in the doctrine of fair play to everyone and therefore when you made your request for unanimous consent to reopen nominations, for only the two offices of President and Treasurer, I for one objected and will in the future object to such unfair policies. The fact that my motion, to reopen nominations for all five offices, was later passed makes me think that those people present agreed with me on my objection to your request.\*

We all agree that Mr. Lastner showed the stuff of which he is made, when he declined to run for office without opposition. Knowing and enjoying him and his friendship since moving to Greenbelt, and knowing the manner in which he carried out his duties as Block C representative, I can truthfully say that he is fully capable and certainly a hard worker and I know that everyone will agree later that his was a good choice. To Mr. Lastner we attribute most credit for Block C having the largest number of members in the Athletic Club and one of the most enthusiastic.

Let me say further that the Athletic Club, as some misinformed have



stated, has no intentions of running Greenbelt and, I hope, will never turn into a political organization. If any man thinks that by joining the club, he will be able to further his personal ambitions, then he will find he is laboring under false hopes. As "Last Stand" Custer wrote, the Athletic Club has its hands full trying to provide an athletic program for its present large membership and the new ones coming in constantly.

Mr. Lastner has a tough job in front of him, not only in the difficulties normally met in a Citizens Association but also in the unreasonable attitude some residents have of the Athletic Club, in which he remains an athletically active member. While we do not intend to try to run any other organization, neither do we wish any other to run us. The Citizens Association while representative of all Greenbelt is not represented by all of Greenbelt, and as such it is well to remember the Citizens Association is not paramount and other organizations also have their right, which must be recognized.

Let me say in conclusion that some of you "Oldest Settlers" or pioneers as we were called, will do more good by accepting the Athletic Club as an asset for our town instead of the sniping tactics that you have been using. Let us sincerely work together and through united effort we can do much to make the rest of our country, as well as ourselves, proud of the "Greenbelt Experiment."

George Bauer, President G.A.C.

\*Editor's Note: The editor regrets that Mr. Bauer feels that the editorial mentioned referred to him, as this was certainly not intended.

Neither was the editorial intended to refer to the Athletic Association, unless the Athletic Association wishes to identify itself with the group which rose up to oppose the request for unanimous consent to reopen nominations.

A modification of the original request at the time Mr. Bauer raised his objection (which certainly was justified) would have been futile, as other objections had previously been raised flatly opposing reopening nominations. These objections were not withdrawn until Mr. Lastner's temporary withdrawal as a candidate made new nomin-

ations unavoidable.

It was after Mr. Lastner's withdrawal that Mr. Bauer's request was presented and carried.

Editor.

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To the Editor:

A column has been appearing in the Greenbelt Cooperator under the heading, "Custer's Last Stand", written I presume by Mr. Custer.

In his last few articles, Mr. Custer has been continually harping on certain types of medicines and foods which he refers to as "Zilpo". According to Mr. Custer, Milk is poison and certain other types of food as well as medicines are absolutely dangerous to partake of. I want Mr. Custer to know that I drink as much milk as I can, use practically all the different types of medicines which he has mentioned.

If a college professor, our own Dr. Dodson, can't make Mr. Custer see the light, I'll not try any further.

But when Mr. Custer willfully and viciously attacks our citizens Assoc. President, Mr. Frank Lastner and his supporters in his Zilpo column, then the time has come when he should be called to a halt. Mr. Custer claims that a selected few were trying to steamroll Mr. Lastner into office. That is not true. The few that he refers to were only backing him as hard as they could. As it turns out, I believe Mr. Lastner was swept into office by an overwhelming vote. The group he claims were trying to steamroll Mr. Lastner into office were named as the Athletic Assoc. Can Mr. Custer prove that this is the case? No! I know he cannot! And for the very reason that this was not the case. Just because a few loyal friends and neighbors were at the election and supported him tooth and nail, he makes the insidious charge that the Athletic Assoc. were represented through these men. True it is that these men belong to the Athletic Club. But it is just as true that they belong to the Citizens Association. So why should certain members of the Co-operators staff take up the cry of "Unfair Tactics" or "Steamroller Tactics". Do these men represent the opinions of the Citizens Assoc.? I hope not.

I do know that they do not represent the Athletic Club. And what I would like to know is, where do they get the



crackpot ideas which are edited under their names and printed in the Cooperator?

It seems to me that if our newspaper would really cooperate more and print less non-founded, day dreaming, featured editorials it would come a lot closer to living up to its name.

Myles Thomas.

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To the Editor:

The review of the three one-act plays recently produced by the Greenbelt Players, which appeared in the last issue of the Cooperator, seems to me rather unjust.

I should like to cite a few points upon which I disagree with the reviewer. They are, of course, personal opinions -- to which everyone is entitled.

For instance, the review leaves one with the idea that The Bathroom Door was the worst of the three plays. The performance the evening I went to the Theatre does not seem to me to justify this impression.

Personally, I liked it as well as Phipps and I certainly preferred it to Danger, which to me seemed a little out of place in the living theatre. I thought the Prima Donna, Fannie Schein, did an excellent job of acting in spite of last week's review which seems to leave the impression that she was the poorest player of the group.

In the last play I thought Jimmy Dunaway, as Sir Gerald, was as good if not better than Phipps.

Realizing they are not professionals but are our neighbors, I think we should give these people--the players, directors, the entire production staff--a lot of applause and encourage them to continue what they have started.

R. S. Sowell

Editor's Note:

It was not the intention of the reviewer to convey the idea that the Prima Donna's was the worst-played role, and it is regretted that the review left one with that impression. The reviewer is in hearty accord with the sentiment expressed in the last paragraph of Mr. Sowell's letter.

S.M.

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FLASH: Beginning Saturday, May 21, an additional barber will be employed at the Greenbelt Barber Shop.

## CUSTER'S LAST STAND

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I assume that we all want to be considered good citizens of Greenbelt. Certainly we all desire the best possible community life for our families. But I believe many of us who consider ourselves good citizens and good providers are not so at all.

For one cannot be a good citizen by merely minding one's own business--by merely keeping out of mischief.

And one cannot assure one's family the best possible community by merely paying one's rent, while taking no part in the community assemblies.

If Greenbelt is to realize the promise of its equipment, and its planning, and its management, it must be populated by good citizens--and good citizens are those who take an active part in the life of the community, who make positive, creative contributions to the public welfare.

We must invest ours in the community, if we are to draw from the community the dividends we had hoped for.

Therefore I respectfully recommend to each citizen of Greenbelt the following minimum program of participation in public life. I will not here undertake to defend my recommendations, but I have considered them carefully, and believe they are essential.

The minimum amount of time demanded by each activity is indicated. I strongly recommend that each citizen give more than the minimum to at least one activity. But everyone should adopt some such program as the following:

1. Citizens' Association: one evening a month.
2. Credit Union: one evening a year.
3. Open meeting of Cooperative Organizing Committee -- once a month.
4. Health Association: one meeting a year.
5. One of the Discussion Groups: several times a year.
6. Church: once a week, if possible.  
(See "Last Stand" page 16)

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COOPERATOR NEWS TIP BOX IN FOOD STORE





# Mrs. Greenbelt



## STAFF

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## ASK THE BABIES -- WE KNOW

Babies don't think, you say? Don't reason? Babies are just to be fondled and dressed, put in a carriage and wheeled, and then in a year or so they will become definite personalities and start being important?

That's where you are mistaken. We, the youngest social set of Greenbelt, are the very best representatives of our community and may be consulted by visitors for a true and complete picture of Greenbelt activity.

"That is very foolish," you say, "why, the adults of Greenbelt operate this community." Yes, they operate this community, but just give us a few years and we will show you how it should be done. Yes, they operate this community, but they are so busy working and going to meetings that they don't get a chance really to appreciate the intrinsic values of a place like Greenbelt. They don't get an opportunity to listen and look as we do-----

While our mothers are buying groceries, we are lying in our carriages examining all the high quality canned goods, the fresh, good looking cuts of meat, the crispness of the vegetables, the neatness of the food store, the good natured friendly countenances of the clerks, the wide aisles for our carriages to pass.

While our mothers are drinking sodas, we have time to think what a smart-looking drug store we have, how modern every fixture looks, how neat and spacious is the arrangement, and the different kinds of colored bottles of perfume, medicine and gingerale. We'll make a wager that our mothers don't know how many bottles there are in the drug store. But then mothers can't count on their toes as easily as we do.

While rolling in the buggy, we breath deeply of the fresh air and reach our arms toward the sky to pull down the fleecy clouds. We think how fortunate we are to have such beautiful trees, such green grass, such a gorgeous sky, such clean, fresh air. We suddenly feel sorry for all the little babies who have to live in a crowded city without any spacious lawns or swaying trees, but with the dust and grime and impure air of industry. Here we have all the advantages of the city and of the country, too.

Many interesting happenings in the life of the citizens are derived from our daily rides in the carriage. Of course each mother stops whenever she sees another baby. "How old is your baby," she begins, "What kind of a formula do you give him? Isn't he a beautiful baby, and so healthy." (Inwardly, we know, she is thinking 'My baby is certainly more beautiful, more healthy, much more intelligent looking--I suppose it is because I'm just the best mother.') So I flash my infatuating smile. "What a pretty smile your baby has," the lady says, "she really looks as if she has personality." Of course I have personality. I'm not a nincompoop! "Does your baby hold a rattle? Does he sleep well? Does he already drink out of a glass? How much does he weigh?" And similar questions. You can easily see that we babies find out about the life history of every other youngster in Greenbelt.



But that isn't all we discover. We also find out the family histories as well. Who is paying doctor's bills, what amount Mrs. Smith is spending on groceries, how Mr. Jones helps around the house, what Mr. Fork is planting in his garden, how Mr. White never has time to play with his little boy when he returns from work, but buries his head in the comic section of the newspaper, how Mr. Mann rules his house with an iron hand (but he doesn't hear what I hear.)

Other subjects covered are the clubs, activity and society of Greenbelt. Even though we cannot attend all of these meetings, we get a thorough cross-section opinion of community activities as well as who talks too much, who are the big shots, and why. We learn how the plays were received by the citizens, and the high quality of Julian's work.

Yes, we babies absorb it all. The unimportant facts we forget.

Strange world, we know very much, a lot we wouldn't tell if you asked us. But if you are interested in a consultation, write to the "Babies of Three Months or Younger", in care of this paper. Your appointment maybe postponed for we can't as yet talk. But important matters will be discussed when our ivories arrive next month.

Toni Larmore

#### LADIES BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Club met Monday, May 9th, in the Social Room of the School, with twenty-eight ladies present.

Prizes were awarded at each table, and the grand prize was awarded to Mrs. Neblett.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. McAchren and Mrs. Lehman.

The Club extends a cordial invitation to all Greenbelt ladies interested in playing contract bridge, to be with us at our next meeting, to be held on May 23.

Lydia G. Lehman,  
Secretary.

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AT 8.15 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 19, BY CONSUMERS DISCUSSION GROUPS.

#### GROUP INVESTIGATES FLOUR

Carrying plates of biscuits and cake, members of Discussion Group 12 arrived for their meeting on May 10. The group was making an attempt to discover what effect the use of various kinds of flour had on the finished product. Other factors, such as recipes, shortening, liquid and flavoring were kept identical; only the flour used by each member varied. Although the cooking was done in different ovens, it was felt that even this factor was under some control since all members had the same kind of stove.

For biscuits, the following flours were used;

Bisquick, tested by Mrs. Getzin.

Pillsbury, tested by Mrs. Uhrig.

Sno-Sheen, tested by Mrs. Conklyn.

For cakes, the flours were;

Sno-Sheen, tested by Mrs. Preuitt.

Pillsbury, tested by Mrs. Chase.

Co-op Family, tested by Mrs. Little.

Before tasting began, identification tags were removed and numbers substituted. Members graded each product according to texture and flavor.

The uninitiated observer might have been puzzled to account for the strange behavior of a group of women, all intent on smelling biscuits, tearing them apart thoughtfully, and eating morsels with an absent-minded expression. Soon the table was littered with crumbs and half-crumbled pieces...Well before the third kind of cake had been reached, interest in eating had completely subsided, and members were sighing for a little butter or icing. Only one member had been wise enough to omit lunch in preparation for the meeting.

After all the products had been tasted, identification cards were restored, and flours discussed on a basis of price as well as results.

The group decided that, while the biscuits made with Bisquick were the most handsome in appearance and texture, those made with Sno-Sheen were the best in flavor; but there was not sufficient difference between the latter and those made with Pillsbury



flour to warrant the increased expense of cake flour. A minority of the group, however, preferred the Bisquick biscuits to either of the others.

Of the cakes, that made with Sno-Sheen was definitely the best in flavor and texture, and was also more moist. The cakes made with the general purpose flours were coarse in texture and rather dry.

The group decided therefore, that despite the greater cost of cake flour the results made it worthwhile; although members pointed out that family flour could be used successfully in certain kinds of cake such as orange, or devil's food, or even in such a recipe as the one-egg cake used for this test if the amount of flour called for was cut down a little.

Consumer Group #2 met May 9, for further study of the Food and Drug Act. The members brought their handwork and took turns reading from Consumer Guides of the Department of Agriculture.

They learned that poisonous powder mixtures are now colored pink to prevent their confusion with either flour or baking powder. Several of the women present said they kept whatever "household poisons" they used in the cabinet over their ironing board cabinet in the kitchen.

In connection with an explanation that the vitamin D of cod-liver oil **heals** rachitic bones by causing the deposit of calcium and phosphorous, Mrs. Gawthrop described pictures she had seen of such bones showing definite black lines of healing bone.

Soap was found to be a union of alkali and fat; its qualifications are that it should remove dirt without harm to hands or fabrics. Most of the women were using Co-op soaps. The Co-op Floating Soap was found to have stamped on the bar the information that the Consumers Guide said should appear on all labels. Mrs. Leon Benefiel who visited the meeting, called the attention of the ladies to the fact that soaps selling at the same price did not always weigh the same. (next column)

DONT! FORGET ENTERTAINMENT BY CONSUMER GROUPS THURSDAY, MAY 19, in SCHOOL AUD.

Mrs. Stanley Rider, chairman, presented the request of Mr. Robert Jacobsen, assistant manager of C. D. C. and of Mrs. Bertha Maryn, chairman of the Variety Store Committee, that this group make a study of textiles and hosiery and hand in recommendations within a week. Realizing that an exhaustive report was impossible, the Group has begun a study of recommendations made by the Federal government bureaus and by Consumers Research and Consumers Union.

Mrs. Conly Ritchie is assisting the group in this study. She was accompanied by her mother-in-law who was very helpful at a reading party for she is an excellent reader and conversant with consumer problems.

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Herrick of Minneapolis, Minnesota, have returned to their home, after having spent several weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Florence White of 58-E Crescent Road.

Mr. Herrick expresses his impressions of Greenbelt in the following lines:

Thou Greenbelt carved from out the wilderness,  
Of rolling hills and dales of Maryland;  
By man's hard toil, art now in beauty's dress,  
And where on earth is there a place more grand?

At night the peaceful calm amid the hills,  
The silver moon slow sailing thru the west;  
The music of the merry whippoorwills  
Lulls tired souls to slumber and to rest.

But when the glorious orb of May is seen  
Just peeping o'er the trees beyond Ridge Road  
How wonderful is all the emerald green  
Of this delightful spot for ones abode.

Miss Lucy Snowe of Miami, Florida and New York City has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Fair, 3-F Parkway Road.

Miss Snowe left Saturday morning to take up work in Canada.



## SOCIAL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker entertained in honor of Mrs. Roy Braden's mother, Mrs. B. E. Pence. The feature of the evening was old time hill music, of which Mrs. Pence is very fond, played by a seven piece string orchestra.

The guests enjoyed the square dance. Mrs. L. Williams acted as prompter, so that the gentlemen would know when and which way to swing their partners.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. L. Williams, Mr. Sam Williams, Miss Dorothy Copp, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Braden, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Green, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Jones, Mr. Mike Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blew, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Schrom.

Mrs. Thomas R. Freeman of 23-G Ridge Rd., entertained at luncheon Friday for her mother, Mrs. D. B. Littlefield of Brookline, Penna., who has been visiting her for the past week.

Those present were: Mrs. F. Carroll, Mrs. L. Benefiel, Mrs. Julian Ashley, and Mrs. H. Klienstuber of Takoma Pk., Md.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cowgill of Milan, Missouri, were entertained last Wednesday night by Allen D. Morrison and family of 58-H Crescent Road.

Mr. Cowgill is a former County Treasurer and now state Field Supervisor of the farm department of The Union Central Life Insurance Co.

The Cowgills were shown the outstanding places of interest in Washington and given a hurried trip thru Greenbelt. They were very much impressed with the town and could hardly believe that the city was so well built and organized, from what they have been reading in the PRESS. They returned home Thursday evening by way of Baltimore, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Indianapolis and Chicago.

Mrs. Alma Heinly was given a surprise part May 2, on her 29th birthday, by her friends and neighbors. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John A. McGuckin, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert E. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Westfall and Mr. and Mrs. Alwyn J. Carson.

Bridge was played, refreshments were served, and a grand time was had.

PATRONIZE YOUR COOPERATIVE STORES.

On Saturday, May 8, Mildred Lehman, 3-C Eastway, celebrated her sixth birthday with a party. The guests played games and then assembled for refreshments in the dining room, decorated in green and pink.

Guests from Greenbelt were: Betty Merryman, June and Francis Swailes, Davies Hayes, Dorris Jean Lehman, Barbara Hawthorne, Ellen Coblentz, Gale McAchren, Mary Jane and Deloris McWilliams.

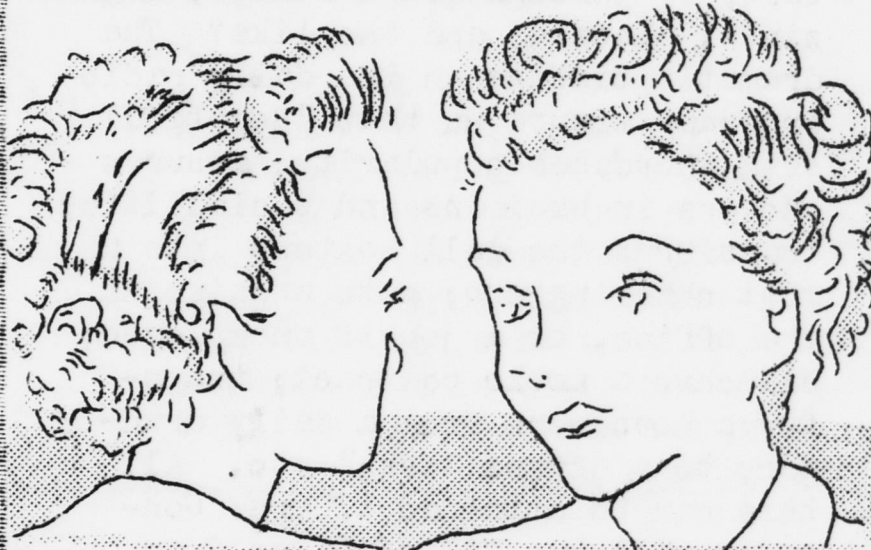
Out-of-town guests were Mrs. I. Quinby and daughter Doris from Takoma Park.

Miss Rasalie Fleisher had a birthday party Saturday afternoon, May 14. She was four years old. Present were the following youngsters: Joann Slye, Barbara Mauer, Phillip and Patsy Ruth Hesse, Lorcan Whiteman, Joyce Schwartz, Robert and Patty Plackett, Patty McDonald, Nona Land, Lorene Nelson and Marty Coff.

Mr. Harry Fleisher played a few selections on his parlor organ, and then refreshments were served.

Mr. A. C. Bracken of 21-D Ridge Rd. left Sunday, May 1, for a month's visit at his home in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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## GREENBELT (SOCIAL?) ACCIDENT

Patsy Ruth Hesse, 6 years old, had an invitation to dinner last week with one of her friends. Phillip, her brother, aged three, did not want her to go without him, and while she was in the act of carrying Phillip home, both fell. The freak part of the accident was this:

Patsy's chin hit Phillip's cheek. The result: two stitches in Patsy's chin, and a cut cheek for Phillip. Bouquets to Dr. Dryden for his good work in attending these children.

Consumer Discussion Group of Block "B" met Thursday afternoon, May 12. A selection and tasting of canned corn was made. Those present were: Mesdames Taylor, Albert, Martone, Lee, McGuckin, Scott and Cross.

Mrs. David Lee has been selected as leader of this group.

## MRS. GULLIBLE AWAKENS

## SOAP

by Bertha Maryn

"The skin you love to touch". "How to obtain the School Girl Complexion". "Get Rid of Dishwater Hands". How many times a day do these phrases strike us either through the well-trained voices of radio announcers, or through comic strips, magazines, placards and the like? The dramatic tidbits on the daily radio programs assure us that "Beautiful skin increases popularity; assures success in business and social life; transforms the dull hostess into a most charming one; gets a raise in the office, or a job if unemployed; clinches a movie contract; transforms housework from a daily drudgery to a joyous task;" etc. All this can be attained if Mrs. Consumer will buy Oil of Palms Soap, Nut of Cocoa; Elephant Tusk Pure Floating Soap; Life Saver Antiseptic Soap. In each case the particular soap advertised is the one and only.

WHAT IS SOAP? WHAT POINTS SHOULD Mrs. Consumer Consider When Buying Soap?

How Many of These Questions Can Mrs. Shopper answer:-

1. How much does the soap weigh?
2. How much water is in the soap? (a certain amount of water is necessary in every soap.)
3. If it's a floating soap, how much air is in it in relation to the size and weight of the bar?
4. What is the best use to which the soap can be put?
5. What is milled soap? Framed?
6. What is better for laundry, yellow or white soap?
7. What is castile soap?

For those interested in information regarding soap this column suggests Mrs. Gullible read Consumer's Guide, March 28 issue.

This column will answer the above questions next week.

## SPORTS EDITOR RESIGNS

Because of a change in his employment Clifton J. Cockill has tendered his resignation as Sports Editor of the Cooperator, effective Saturday, May 14.

It is with regret that we accept Mr. Cockill's resignation. His pages have grown to be a very valuable department of the paper, and we know that his loss will be felt keenly by our readers.

We draw some consolation from the fact that Mr. Cockill will remain an active member of the Journalistic Club, and we look forward to his valuable suggestions and advice.

## "LAST STAND" (Continued)

7. Recreation and Special Interest Groups, (Athletics, Dramatics Hobby Club, ~~Canora~~ Club, Journalistic Club, Mothers Club, American Legion, Dances, etc.) ---one night a week at least.

If we don't adopt some such program, if we don't contribute to the town's development, then Greenbelt will become something considerably less than we had hoped for.

Howard C. Custer.

Mrs. Reber Isler and son Toby from Elizabeth, New Jersey are visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. Trattler this week.



# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## IN MRS. WHITAKER'S ROOM

We are studying about Indians. We are bringing Indian things to school, reading Indian stories, making Indian designs, and drawing Indian pictures.

Our bedroom furniture is almost finished. We are working on the walls and furnishings now.

We are collecting wild flowers to press and put in our flower dictionary.

We are working on a play of "Ferdinand the Bull" to give in the auditorium.

## IN MRS. ALDERTON'S ROOM

These children in Mrs. Alderton's room sent air mail letters: Jimmie Bridges sent one to his aunt in Minneapolis; Jerald Cowell sent one to his cousin in Mo. Marilyn Eshbaugh sent one to her cousin in Penna.; Joe Ditman sent one to his aunt in Tenn.; and Beverly Drass sent one to her grandmother in Pennsylvania.

The honors for the best movie that the children made at home went to Connie Carroll and Harold Slusser. Each child is making an individual circus booklet at school. The best circus pictures were drawn by Marilyn Eshbaugh, Joanne Slye, Mary K. Smith, George Bauer, and Jimmie Bridges.

Since the live specimens are missing, the children are bringing pictures of all kinds of dogs to identify in connection with a reading unit on dogs. So watch your new magazines or you'll find some of the pages missing.

## "H" IS FOR HAPPINESS

Happiness is something everybody wants, and the fact that we all want it influences almost everything we do. For instance we eat because we like to or because we would be unhappy if we went hungry. We play because we are happy playing. We try to do good work in school because the

In making others happy we shall find our greatest happiness!!!

## IN MRS. LANES ROOM

### (Testing the Garden Soil)

Jane Townsend and Patricia Featherby brought samples of garden soil to school in glass jars. We tested the soil by mixing it thoroughly with water. We let it settle to the bottom of the jar. Different layers were formed. The heaviest part went to the bottom. It was a thick layer of coarse sand. There was a thin layer of silt above the sand. We believe we should be able to grow healthy plants in this garden soil.

### Making Nature Notebooks

Last Tuesday the Third Grade went out to the woods to gather wild flowers and leaves. We pressed them that afternoon and left them until morning. We arranged them on manila paper and fastened them on with Scotch tape. The class wrote stories about the variety of flowers that they found. We will choose the best stories to place in the notebook with the pressed flowers. We will make a chalk drawing for the cover, rub it in, then spray it.

Herbert Baughman

## LITTLE HOUSE

I know a little house  
As pretty as can be,  
Above it is the blue sky,  
Beside it is the sea.  
A carpenter with his tools  
This little house has made;  
He worked very patiently  
At his building trade.  
Grown-ups enjoy this place  
To live and rest in the shade,  
But children love the nature,  
The things that God has made.

Marilyn Maryn

praise of our teachers and parents make us happy.

When we do good work in school, when we give Mother a little help around the house, when we try to be pleasant even if we feel cross - then we are making other people happy.





Hear ye ! Hear Ye !

Only two weeks before the great play, "The Hidden Guest," yet all is well. The students all know their characterizations perfectly, and are looking forward to the twenty-fifth of May when they will present them. Come One!! Come All !! If you are privileged to see this spectacular stage production, I am sure you will never forget it.

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Could you imagine - - -

- 1--Richard Davis misbehaving.
- 2--Harry without Mary Clare.
- 3--Dorma Ashley without a sweet smile.
- 4--Lorrie Weast not singing.
- 5--Peggy Stewart without those cute little freckles.
- 6--Martin Bezievich with a name easy to pronounce.
- 7--John Guest doing his homework.
- 8--LeRoy Clark not being friendly to everyone.
- 9--P. R. Neilson not having his work right.
- 10--John Freeman not being the life of the party.

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GRADUATES\*\*  
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When we go from Greenbelt today,  
What will the teachers say?  
Hooray! Hooray! Hooray!

Question--Four ladies were under the same umbrella. Why didn't they get wet?

Answer----Because it wasn't raining.

SEE THE SCOUTS FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS  
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#### MIX-UPS

- YROMSDALHAE-- a little girl with soft brown eyes. Very sweet.
- WTLEORAIRES-- a girl who will be an opera star. we hope.
- FJHMRNEANEO-- a junior with a southern drawl, quite popular.
- LESHRIRSYDRCSA--a good looking red-head, who is worried about a certain girl.
- TAORPOVYMRS-- a sweet but a stubborn kid.

#### NIGHT SHIRT

It was Billy's first trip to the country... One evening he saw a farmer's wife plucking a fowl for the next day's dinner. "I say, Ma'am, do you undress them every night?" he asked.

#### A THOUGHT

There is a little flower  
Of sky-blue tint and white  
That sparkles in the sunshine  
And goes to sleep at night;  
It's a token of remembrance,  
And a pretty name it's got.  
Would you know it if I told you?  
It's a sweet forget-me-not.

#### A Dissertation on the Art of CHEWING GUM

Among the school children of America chewing gum is considered quite an art. They seem to think that a boy or girl who can chew in front of the teacher without being caught is an artist.

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## HIGH SCHOOL PAGE(CONT'D)

To begin, they place the chewing gum inch by inch into their mouth, after slowly removing the wrapper. Then they proceed to laboriously chew up and down. The next step is to take hold of the gum and stretch arms length. After doing this a number of times they begin to make popping noises with it. Now comes the step of discarding the gum. If the teacher catches them, into the waste basket it goes. If not, it goes under the chair. Sometimes it is discarded on the street and the next person that comes along pick it up with his feet.

All in all, it is a great sort of game if you can get away with it.

The Junior and Senior English class gave a very interesting program, last Friday the 13th. It was a contest to see who in the class could tell the biggest and most fantastic tall story.

The judges, who were the class, are still deciding on the winner, whose name will be announced in next weeks paper.

### !!! FUN FOR THE FEEBLEMINDED

Did you ever try to find out whether the light really goes out when you shut the refrigerator door.

The following people make up the staff for writing the high school news:

EDITOR - Marita Freeman

#### REPORTERS:

SPORTS - John Freeman  
Leroy Clark

#### SOCIAL -

Freshman - Lorraine Weast

Sophomore - Shirley Friedman

Juniors - Marita Freeman

Seniors - Dorma Ashley

#### \* \* \* \* SPORTS \* \* \* \*

On May 6, a tumbling exhibition was given in the auditorium by the tumbling team under the supervision of Mr. Fredric Zebley. This was the second presentation given by the team. A third program is to be given by the team near the end of school.

Well, at last the basketball squad has gotten what it has been looking forward to . . . . GIGANTIC . . . . green letters - - - - "G's" - - - -

Greenbelt played a home game Friday May 13th, 1938 again defeating Badin. They won the victory at a score of 15 - 10. Harry Ewing's superb catching and his home run added excitement to the game. John Geust and Bill Alexander extinguished themselves as pitchers, Stanley Provost as catcher, and John Freeman as first baseman. All home games are played on the ball diamond behind the new school on the Branchville road. Everyone is welcome. .

Last Wednesday our baseball team hooked horns with the National Training School's team on the latter's diamond. Wade Simms stole the show when he nonchalantly stepped up to the pan and walloped the apple over the right field bank . . . . Though the other team worked for a rapid ending and a big show, Bill Alexander held them to a score tied at eleven all at the end of the eleventh inning with his fast ball. The game was called on account of darkness. Our boys will tangle with the National Trainers again in the near future to play off the tie . . . . .

T H A T ' S A L L F O L K S



## GREENBELT PLAYERS TAKE STOCK

On Thursday, May 12, the Greenbelt Players, meeting for the first time since their recent public performance, took stock of their achievements, both financial and artistic.

Treasurer Sherrod East reported that after all expenses were paid and all tickets accounted for there would still be a few dollars in the treasury. This was considered very satisfactory since the group had started from scratch and now had about \$38. (actual cost) worth of stage-sets and other materials on hand. This equipment, built largely from scraps and windfalls, could not be duplicated on the market for two or three times the amount it cost.

President Theodora Murray read an analytical commentary on the productions by Bob Youmans, which had been referred to her by the Cooperator to whom it had been submitted. (Editor's note: Space limitations prevented publication).

Then followed a discussion on the merits of the plays presented. It was pointed out that the Players were still in the Theatre Workshop stage of development, that there had been many unusual handicaps to face, that there was a promising note of good fellowship, of good order, and of united effort in the whole undertaking. It was reported that the general public reaction seemed to be commendatory. It was felt that on the whole the Players had avoided the red side of the ledger, both financially and artistically.

A good part of the meeting was spent trying to decide whether to charge a 25¢ membership fee. The fee was finally authorized.

It was decided to elect officers every June, the next election, however being in 1939.

Mrs. Murray appointed the following play reading committee: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kingsley, Nathan Schein, Sheila Cone, Dorothy Rider, Dorothy East, Margaret Miller, Marie Elliott and Fordyce Lyman.

It was decided to present group play readings at each meeting until further notice.

The officers of the Greenbelt players are: Theodora Murray, President; Dorothy Rider, Vice-Pres.; Fan Schein, Sec'y; and Sherrod East, Treasurer.

## PLEASE OMIT FLOWERS

by John McWilliams

We would like to express our slight but devout influence against the insidious machinations of the invidious wave of medical science which today is exerting all its effort toward decreasing an ever mounting death rate.

Death pictured by doctors the world over is a devastation devoutly to be opposed, as in reality, it seems to us the mainstay of the world. For death is not only that benevolent balm which relieves man of his frightful existence here but it is also advantageous in that it decreases the roll of unemployed and provides markets, jobs and prosperity for all.

The doctors themselves must pronounce the death certificate and collect their fee; then the nurses, the moment after death must close the eyes and sponge the body and do other odd chores about man's anatomy before the arrival of the most

(See "Flowers" Page 24)

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fleisher had as their guests last week Mrs. Fleisher's grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Ichelson and her mother, Mrs. Sonia Burdwise, both of Philadelphia, Pa.

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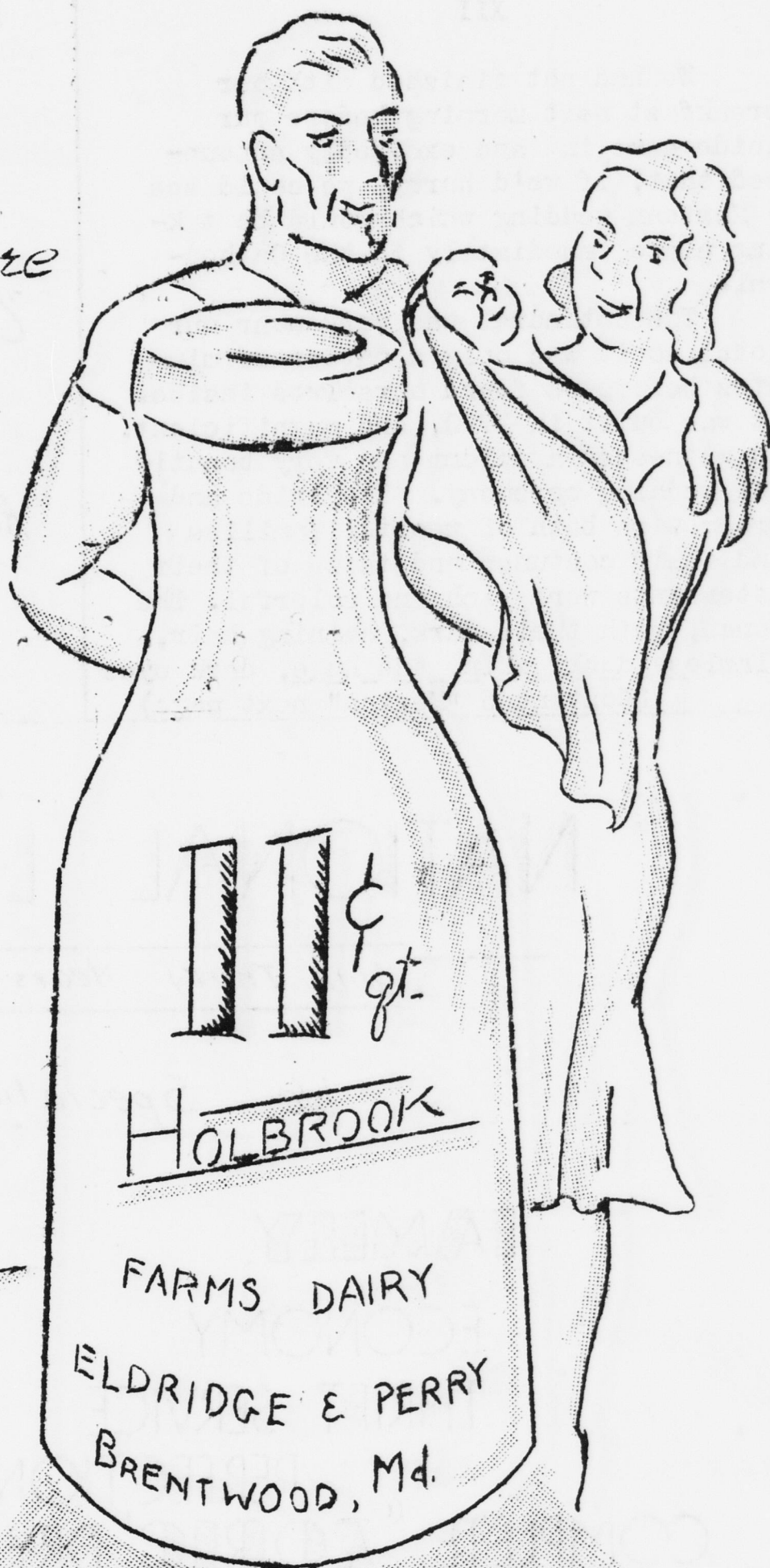
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THE LAND OF ROMANCE  
by Mary E. Van Cleave

Forward:

Four of us were having a vacation in Mexico. We had seen several of the famous sights including the Bishop's Palace and the Huasteca Canyon and had ridden burros up the trail along the Rio Santa Catarina.

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We had not finished with our breakfast next morning before our guide came in and excitedly announced that, if we'd hurry, we could see a Mexican wedding which would be taking place immediately in the Cathedral.

The Cathedral was very near our hotel so it was only a matter of minutes before we found ourselves inside. It was built in 1790, and magnificent. We witnessed a solemn and very beautiful wedding ceremony. The bride and groom were both of wealthy families and their costumes and those of their attendants were rich and colorful. The women, with their dark, shining hair, flawless dusky skin, and huge, dark eyes  
(Continued "Mexico" next page)

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(Mexico - Continued)

were superb! I came out as choked up as if I'd been giving the bride away!

Immediately afterward we started on our visit to Horsetail Falls. This is quite the most interesting scenic spot around Monterrey. We had to park the car before we reached the Falls and walk a short distance. We took plenty of time for this trip and were able to enjoy it to the fullest extent. I shall never forget the feel of the mist in my face as I watch the beautiful waters tumbling down. It was enchanting. Mexico is truly a land of romance.

We lunched at the Villa Hermosa Restaurant and on the Villa Hermosa Hacienda we passed through an enormous orange orchard.

(to be continued)

Mr. and Mrs. Dameron of 47-E Ridge Rd. invited some friends out last Saturday night for a fish dinner. They were Mr. and Mrs. Crews, Mr. and Mrs. Overton & Miss Elmira Register, all of Wash. D. C.

Mr. Dameron, Mr. Crews and Mr. Mathews were supposed to catch the fish Saturday morning at Benedict, Md. Fortunately the fish market was still open.



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## ("Flowers" Cont.)

fiendish prospector of all, the undertaker. Even such a distant and seemingly unconcerned laborer as the wood cutter comes in for his share of the "take" and in chopping down the pine to build the box, earns his small but effective stipend. All along the line the profits are distributed - the carpenter, metal worker, mason, upholsterer, weaver, florist, hackster and grave digger all get their "cut"; also, the lawyer, reporter, insurance agent and relatives contribute their bit and reap their reward.

Surely, no institution so profoundly constructive and beneficent as death, should be subjected to such an internecine war as our medical profession has seen fit to administer.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Coff were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reminick last Thursday evening. Miss Emma Reminick, of Cleveland, Ohio, was also present. Several games were played and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

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To the Editor:

"Washington, D. C. (May \_\_, 19\_\_).  
"Amidst the agonized screams of women and the shouts of men, a Capital Transit bus loaded with passengers going to their work in Washington from Greenbelt, Md. burst into flames today on the Baltimore highway outside of Hyattsville. Severe burns and bruises were sustained by twenty of the passengers, whose names are listed below, but fortunately no one was killed."

Fantastic? Not if certain "rugged individualists" who think it smart to smoke on a bus can not be persuaded to grow up. The writer has personally seen a lighted cigarette thrown on the floor and left there, which, had it not been discovered and extinguished, might have resulted in catastrophe.

Unbiased readers will appreciate that this is not mere narrow-minded criticism of smoking as such. The question is this: Are the 95% of us who have good sense going to permit the other 5% to endanger our own and our friends lives? Are we going to permit the practice of smoking on our bus to continue, at whatever cost, merely to gratify the nicotine appetite of a very selfish minority? (Besides, I don't think it's so much the appetite as a desire to "show off").

Robert O. Link

### CHURCH PLEDGES SOUGHT

The Finance Committee of the Community Church is asking all those interested to indicate the extent to which they will support the church. Pledge cards are being prepared and will be available at the church service on May 22, or may be obtained from members of the committee.

The amounts pledged may be budgeted for whatever period desired--week, half-month, or month--but it is important that the pledges be made, so that the Committee may be able to budget its spending properly.

Since the new minister takes over his duties June 1st, it is urgent that the business end of the Church be put in order as soon as possible.

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Someone evidently has a form of kleptomania directed toward valve-caps on automobile tire valves. This is a bit far fetched to be sure, but the strange disappearance of the caps is not.

It is very annoying to find one set of four of these missing, but to find a second set missing is rather aggravating.

A close scrutiny of other cars in the garages, uncovers the dismaying evidence that practically all cars are bereft of their caps and to all appearances they have been the prey of some nefarious bandits.

What! Crime in Greenbelt? This is indeed unheard of, but let us look for possible causes.

First of all, there are a number of children who play in the garage area-ways. These could be accused.

Secondly, there are also a number of bicycles in Greenbelt. Now tire valves on bicycles are of the same size as those on cars, a coincidence generally known. A bicycle has two tires; a car has four. At present there are many more cars than bicycles in Greenbelt. Were all the caps taken from cars put on bicycles, there still would be many more than necessary.

Is this merely a childish prank, to be winked at and forgotten, or is this only the beginning of a series of bolder coups? Be that as it may, something should be done in the matter and the situation corrected.

Another grievance directed toward irresponsible children has been brought to our attention. It seems that certain children, especially in East Gardenway Court #2, have a bad habit of climbing all over cars parked there in the open garages, scratching paint surfaces and dirtying the cars with loose earth and stones thrown at each other and also at random.

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While all America strained eyes and ears last Saturday May 14, to watch the running of the famous Preakness, two anxious Greenbelt husbands, neighbors, were straining every nerve watching another kind of a race - a race of storks.

The winner of the stork race was Mr. Orville Slye, 6-F Hillside, whose wife presented him with an 8 pound boy, Saturday, at the Columbia Hospital. A few hours later Mr. Jean Nance, of 6-G Hillside, a next door neighbor, announced that he was the father of a daughter, born that evening, at the George Washington Hospital in Washington.

## SAM DOWNS ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

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Little Sammy Downs, aged 7, of 2 N Gardenway, who had been ill with a cold the past week, was rushed to the Children's Hospital in Washington, Monday evening May 16, after Dr. James Dryden of ~~Greenbelt~~ diagnosed his case as pneumonia.

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To the Editor:

In reference to the Greenbelt Theatre Group, an unfair criticism appeared in the last issue of The Cooperator. In view of the fact that here acting was limited by the poor material chosen for the play, the Prima Donna, (Fan Schein)

displayed a fine example of unexpected talent.

I hope Mrs. Schein will be given more responsible roles in the near future, and feel sure that her ability will be recognized.

Martha Malkin.

GREENBELT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT FOR APRIL, 1938.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	End of this month	LIABILITIES	End of this month
Loans	\$2,387.78	Accounts Payable	\$ 25.40
Cash in Banks	357.11	Shares	2,712.52
Petty Cash Fund	5.00	Reserve for Bad	
Unamortized Charter		Loans	44.64
Fee	25.00	Profit and Loss	-(7.67)
TOTAL	\$2,774.89	TOTAL	\$2,774.89

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

EXPENSES	This Month	This Year to date	INCOME	THIS MONTH	THIS YEAR to date
Stationery and supplies	\$ .10	\$29.95	Interest on Loans	\$18.63	\$33.78
Advertising		.50	Entrance Fees	5.00	43.50
Communications	.62	2.04	Fines	.68	1.14
Bank Service Charges	2.00	2.00	Cash over and short		.25
Misc. General	-(1.40)	4.00			
Ins. Prem.-Loans and Shares	3.21	3.21			
Trans. to Reserve for Bad Loans	5.68	44.64			
Balance (Profit)	14.10		Balance (Loss)		7.67
TOTAL	\$24.31	\$86.34	TOTAL	\$24.31	\$86.34

STATISTICAL REPORT

LOANS	No.	Amount
Made This Month	16	\$874.00
Repaid this Month (Amt. Only)		188.00
In Force at End of Month	48	2,387.78
Total Loaned Since Organization	49	2,749.00
Loans Delinquent		
(A) One Month or Less	4	14.50
(B) One to two Months	1	10.00
(C) Two Months or over	none	
Charged off this Month	none	
Charged off Since Organ- ization	none	

SHARES AND MEMBERS	
Paid in on Shares this Month	\$ 822.80
Withdrawn on Shares this Month	68.00
Total Paid on Shares Since Organization	2,826.27
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New Members This Month	No. 16
Total Members end of Month	No. 163
Total members Since Or- ganization	No. 164

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 18	(U. of M.) The Modern Short Story	4.20 P.M.	U. of M.
18	(U. of M.) Band Concert	6.00 P.M.	U. of M.
18-19	(U. of M.) Footlight Club Play "OUTWARD BOUND"		
	Admission 40¢	8.15 P.M.	U. of M.
18	Journalistic Club	8.00 P.M.	Office
19	AIR MAIL DAY	AIR MAIL DAY	AIR MAIL DAY
19	Air Mail Plane Leaves Greenbelt	9.45 A.M.	Schrom Airport
19	Air Mail Plane Arrives Greenbelt	11.15 A.M.	Schrom Airport
19	Women's Discussion Groups	8.15 P.M.	Auditorium
20	Boy Scouts	7.30 P.M.	Social Room
20	Men's Gym	8.00 P.M.	Auditorium
20	Credit Union	6.30 to 8.00 P.M.	Meeting Room
21	Brownies	4.00 P.M.	Chez Brownie Owl
21	<u>CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION DANCE</u>	8.30 P.M.	Auditorium
22	Catholic Sunday School	8.30 A.M.	School
22	Mass	9.00 A.M.	School
22	Sunday School	9.30 A.M.	School
22	Church	11.00 A.M.	Auditorium
23	Health Association - OPEN MEETING	8.00 P.M.	Social Room
23	Bridge Club	8.00 P.M.	Social Room
24	Camera Club	8.00 P.M.	Meeting Room
24	Dress Rehearsal "THE HIDDEN GUEST"	8.00 P.M.	Auditorium
25	"THE HIDDEN GUEST"	8.00 P.M.	Auditorium
25	Food Demonstration	8.00 P.M.	Social Room

To the Editor:

My attention has been called to an article appearing in your paper March 9th, 1938, on page seven written by Howard Custer under the caption "Custer's Last Stand" wherein he challenges the Committee's acceptance of Optometry advertising, and proceeds to castigate an honorable profession.

I am not interested at all whether or not your paper accepts Optometry advertisements, as ethical Optometrists do not resort to such advertisements. I shall not attempt to defend Optometry against the perfectly ridiculous article written by Mr. Custer. By what authority does Mr. Custer or the Readers Digest pass on the qualifications of an Optometrist or the profession of Optometry? I warn Mr. Custer to become better informed before again speaking on this subject.

May I call to your attention the fact that Optometry is a legalized profession in every state by law,

and that Congress passed a law in 1924, to govern the practice of Optometry, and that Bill was signed by the President of the United States. You folks benefit at the expense of the tax payer and it appears to be a very peculiar brand of Americanism you display when you insult the intelligence of every Governor in the United States as well as the President of the United States.

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